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SUBJECT: CATTLEMAN DEPLORES US FAILURE RAISE MEAT EXPORT LEVELS

1. EXCELSIOR OF SEPTEMBER 10 FRONT-PAGED A STATEMENT BY ADRIAN CASTRO, THE PRESIDENT OF THE CATTLEMEN'S FEDERATION, THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD NOT FULFILLED HIS OFFER TO INCREASE COSTA RICA'S MEAT QUOTA. REFERRING TO WIDELY-PUBLICIZED SEPTEMBER 8 STATEMENT OF AMBASSADOR YEUTTER TO EFFECT THAT THERE WOULD BE NO INCREASE IN COSTA RICA'S VRS LEVEL THIS YEAR, CASTRO STATED: "WE REGRET VERY MUCH THAT THE OFFER TO INCREASE OUR EXPORT QUOTA WHICH SECRETARY KISSINGER MADE TO FOREIGN MINISTER GONZALO FACIO HAD NOT BEEN FULFILLED." HE SAID THIS SITUATION PRESENTED GRAVE DIFFICULTIES TO THE CATTLEMEN WHO WOULD NOW HAVE TO LOOK FOR NEW MARKETS IN ISRAEL OR EUROPE, OR PERHAPS DEDICATE THEMSELVES TO SOME OTHER ACTIVITY.

2. CASTRO ALSO SAID THAT THE PROBLEMS OF THE LOCAL CATTLEMEN WERE AGGRAVATED BY THE ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN IN THE U.S. HE EXPLAINED
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THAT ANY DECISION BY THE USG TO RAISE THE QUOTA WOULD AFFECT THE

U.S. ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN DUE TO PRESSURE FROM U.S. CATTLEMEN'S GROUPS.

3. CASTRO CONCLUDED HIS REMARKS BY PRAISING FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO FOR HIS DETERMINED STRUGGLE TO RAISE THE EXPORT QUOTA FOR MEAT.
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